## 'Compromise' bill passed

# Tuition imposed; begins in the fall

By MARY CRONIN, Managing Editor

California's 77-year tradition of tuition-free community colleges has ended.

The lengthy legislative battle over the tuition issue was resolved in late January with the passage of a "compromise" fees bill which will impose a \$50 per semester fee for community college students beginning this fall. Part-time students will have to pay \$6 per unit for up to six units; students taking more than six units will be considered full-time students.

The legislation, which will impose tuition in what were the last remaining free upper education facilities in the nation, is being called a compromise because it also provides for 10 other types of fees such as health services and instructional materials, fees currently charged in the schools, to be eliminated. Also, the \$50 tuition may not be raised and will be discontinued in 1987, when the matter will be considered again by the legislature.

was coupled with one that released the \$96.5 million base funding for the colleges which had been withheld by the governor until his desire for student fee imposition was met.

The L.A. Community College District (LACCD) was allocated an additional \$11 million for its 1983/84 and these funds were just in time to save the jobs of 500 district classified employees who were scheduled to be laid off last week because of budget constraints.

"It's the last minute of the 11th hour," said LACCD Chancellor Leslie Koltai. "We are now in a position to save these jobs and to conclude the school year without making any further cuts in our staff, programs, or services."

There seemed to be no middleground in the bitter debate that was waged all last year regarding the tuition issue. On one side there were those The passage of the tuition bill who endorse the "user fee"

They argued that students should help to bear the costs of their education, that the \$50 fee was affordable for most of the students, and that financial aid would be provided for those who could not afford the fee.

Those opposed to tuition advocated the open access tradition in the schools and maintained that, while the \$50 fee may seem minimal now, the history of tuition in California's other upper education institutions has been one of constant escalation to the point where many minorities and women have been excluded from the higher educational process.

Acting American Federation of Teachers (AFT) College Guild President Marty Hittelman said that the AFT would maintain its antituition stand despite the legislation.

"We are opposed to it (tuition) to the end and we continue to oppose

(please see TUITION, page 8)



JOBS IN TIME—Members of the L. A. Community College Board of Trustees (I-r) Arthur Bronson, Chancellor Leslie Koltai, and Wallace Albertson discuss the board's decision not to lay off 500 classified workers. The news of the governor's restoration of \$96.5 million base funding, in exchange for the legislature's approval of a bill to impose tuition in the schools, for the state's

# Restored funding rescinds layoffs

By Frann Bart, Copy Editor

Rescind spelled relief for Valley College and other district classified workers as they learned, just before the Feb. 4 deadline, they would not

be losing their jobs. When Gov. George Deukmejian

recently restored \$96.5 million to the community college system (\$11 million of it to the Los Angeles district), 500 layoff notices to district-wide classified workers were rescinded.

As soon as it was official, Dr. Mary Lee, campus president, called a special meeting for Valley classified workers to announce the news. Another similar meeting was held that evening for night shift workers by Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell.

"In general, the reaction was one of relief," Lee said. "It was a very stressful situation."

Of the 500 workers on notice for the last few months, 89 were - Thursday, February 9, 1984 - employed by Valley in maintenance, custodial, cafeteria, technical, and clerical areas.

Nineteen of those workers were given the option of "bumping" another classified worker at Valley or another campus out of a lower position.

According to Sandra Lepore, AFT staff guild executive secretary, a total of 70 workers throughout the district have already left-52 resignations and 18 retirements. These figures were supplied to her by the district office of personnel services. The above breakdown, according to Lepore, reflects those who either found other jobs before the notices were rescinded or were planning to retire

There are others, however, said Breckell, who were eligible and filed for early retirement as a direct result of the layoff notices.

Retirement has now been rescinded for those workers should they decide to return.

Lee said she had given special

leave to "two or three" people at

Valley to look for other jobs. If the jobs didn't work out, she explained, they could come back to their old positions as long as it was before the Feb. 4 deadline.

An exact figure as to how many of the 89 Valley workers had already left was not available but, according to Lee, it was a "very small percen-

Building and Grounds Supervisor David Ogne did verify that "approximately half a dozen" workers in his division had resigned in the last three months since receiving layoff notices. Most of them, he added, had gone on to higher paying jobs out of the school system.

There have also been transfers of employees from one campus to another, Lee explained, in order to keep the number of vacancies in each campus balanced.

A large nun ber of the vacancies were created by a joint early retirement incentive plan and hiring freeze last June to ease some of the financial burden, she said. This was before it was decided to lay off the classified workers.

When asked if and when rehiring for these vacancies will begin, Lee and Breckell both replied it would be on hold until contracts for workers come up for negotiation. At that time, a decision will be made to either raise salaries of present workers and not rehire or fill the vacancies and keep salaries at the same level.

Lee observed that it was a "gamble" for the Valley workers who waited to see if they would keep their jobs.

"I think it is tremendous the way they have held together under these trying circumstances, she emphasized. "That says something for the character of everyone involved."

## Olympics scout staff from student ranks; 'many jobs available'

By EILEEN DARMIENTO, Staff Writer

To stimulate student interest in 60,000 to 70,000 Olympics jobs, West LA Staffing Manager Joan Dientte will speak at Valley's Little Theater Tuesday at 1 p.m.

There are a wide range of positions available for the duration of the 16 days of the Summer Olympics. Ten thousand offer an hourly wage and the rest are on a volunteer

The reason for the paid positions is that they are located further away from the athletes and competitions, thus being harder to fill. These include bus drivers, security persons, and concessions and village workers.

On the other hand, volunteer work is expected to bring the individual into closer contact with the

There are a large number of sedan and van drivers needed for VIP's and translators for almost every language, as well as ushers and ticket takers. These are only a few of many other available positions.

The only requirement for most of the positions is that the applicant be at least 16-years-old and "enthusiastic, available, and willing," according to Buddy Taylor, manager of game recruitments.

Taylor said he is calling for "good, honest citizens," whom he refers to as "boy scouts and girl scouts."

The only exception is that drivers must be 18-years-old with a valid

license and good driving record. In charge of Valley's Olympic Forum is Commissioner of Womens' Concerns Jerilyn Stapleton, who said that this will be a "great work experience that will look good on a resume.'

Taylor emphasized that the experience will enable those who can't get tickets a chance to be involved in what he calls a "world-wide spectacular."

To apply, a 20-to-30 minute process takes place. An application will (please see OLYMPICS, page 8)

Tomorrow is the last day to add a class

Drop fee deadline Feb. 14

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## ASB elections die on first attempt; Second election already in progress

By DAVID BOHRER, News Editor

Student Body elections have been cancelled, as in past semesters, as a result of confirmed violations of the ASB election code during the Spring '84 elections held last month, according to ASB Adviser Pauline Merry.

Complaints filed by Steve Appell, ASB vice-president, Chauncey Medberry, commissioner of public relations, and election Candidate Shawn Uliberry were all taken into consideration and resulted in the cancellation of the elections, said ASB President Jeff Kaplan.

"We felt it would be in the best interests of all the parties involved if we cancel the elections considering all the complaints we received,

the controversy began.

Despite charges against her, Lesser maintained that her resignation was not taking the blame for any of the charges or violations, but to make certain the new elections would start "fresh."

Frank Tullo, who took over the position of commissioner of elections, further maintained that Lesser did everything in her power to run the elections fairly, but did not have the support behind her.

Lesser also pointed out that the election committee was not formed in enough time due to the disorganization on the part of the

As for the complaints filed, Tullo

resignation from the post soon after valid, they were all true. We want to New elections were rescheduled have the best and cleanest election we can, and they weren't clean."

> Many of the violations cited in letters submitted to the election committee by Appell, Medberry, and Uliberry such violations as students other than ASB members being allowed to vote, poll workers pursuading people in voting, marks were made beside the name of a particular candidate, and, among others, a confirmed Valley staff gardner was also permitted to vote.

> In response to the violations, particulary in the case of the gardeners vote, Dr. Merry said, "Now I think thats the funniest one."

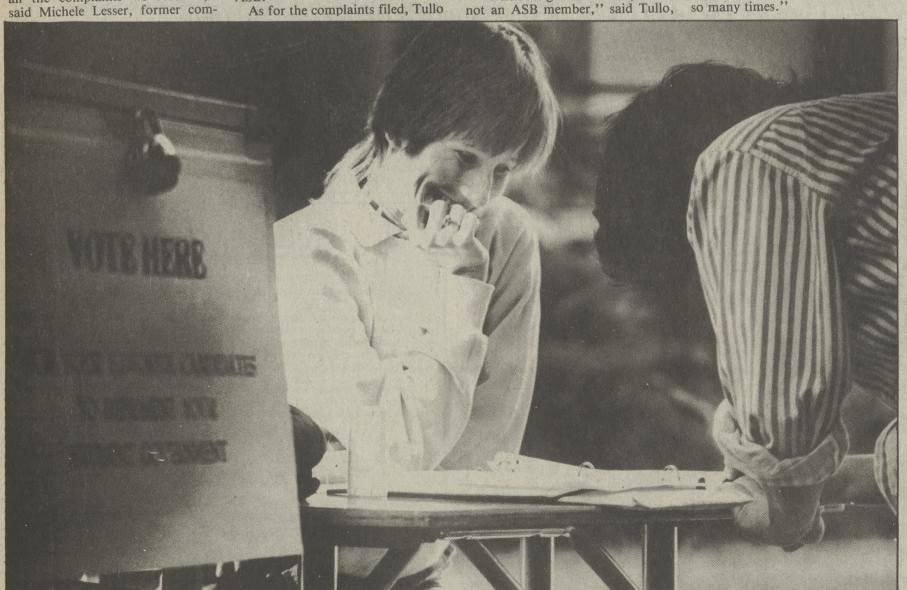
not an ASB member," said Tullo,

History has again proved that it missioner of elections until her said, "The complaints were very "how could you have an election." for this week and will continue through today and tomorrow.

These elections usually take place during the month of December giving only the fall semester students an opportunity to vote. "By having them now," said Tullo, "this gives students with an ASB membership from both the past fall semester and this semester a chance to vote. I think this should be the standard policy."

Both Appell and Tullo said they did not anticipate in the new elections as "all of the problems have hopefully been resolved."

ats the funniest one." "After all," emphasized "When the gardener votes, who is Tullo, "we can only have elections



DAVID BOHRER / Valley Star

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED-Poll worker Susan Penn looks on as an ASB member prepares to vote in a brand new version of the Spring '84 ASB elections. The controversy. Today is the last day for ASB members to vote in the new elections.

original elections, heid last month, were cancelled amid charges of election code violations. Commissioner of elections Michele Lesser resigned in the midst of the

### STAR EDITORIALS

## Compromise or coercion?

The long-standing tradition of open access in California's community colleges is now lost, and the loss is made even more offensive by the meaningless word "compromise" used to describe the tragedy.

Compromise describes a situation wherein opposing sides give up some concessions in order to come to a mutually satisfactory solution.

The tuition bill would much better be described as coercion.

By withholding the base funding for the colleges until the legislature succumbed to his demand for tuition, the governor displayed his unyielding willingness to destroy the system rather than be denied his demand to impose tuition.

The final tuition legislation contains two clauses which are being used to foist the "compromise" myth on the California public. In the first, ten existing fees are no longer to be charged separately but will be included in the \$50 a semester tuition charge. While that may sound like a compromise on the surface, the reality is that a very small percentage of students will be affected by not having to pay

Even in the best of times, managing the

needs of Valley's more than 20,000 students

and 800 staff members is a tremendous

challenge. In the worst of times, such as ex-

perienced in the past year, the demands on the

administration are staggering, and those of us

who study or work here should not let the ex-

traordinary job done by Valley's leadership go

President Mary Lee, confronted with

massive administrative problems that could

not possibly have been predicted, set the tone

with her pragmatic approach. Rather than

complain about a year of one crisis following

another, she energetically faced each problem

as it arose, looking for fresh approaches and

Her dedication was exemplified by her con-

cern for Valley's 89 classified workers whose

jobs were recently threatened. Not many col-

lege presidents would be at the school in the

middle of the night to personally explain the

ramifications of the layoff notices and the op-

Forced with the necessity of making drastic

tions available to the night shift workers.

Keeping it together

separate fees for items such as protective eye devices, field trip transportation, and health services

The second part of the "compromise" involves what is termed a "sunset clause," which ends tuition in 1987 and forces the legislature to then reconsider the issue.

On this point we have to agree with LACCD Board President Marguerite Archie-Hudson when she said, "The sun never sets in Sacramento."

Why, if he is still in office in 1987, would Deukmejian have changed his rock-solid stance on tuition?

And what legislators, who went along and 'toed the line' on the issue, are going to be able to view the resulting shambles of the system and admit, by "reconsidering," that they were led down the garden path?

Palliatives such as the word "compromise" will not change the fact that the people of California are going to be denied the unique concept of open access in their community colleges because of the intransigence of George Deukmejian.

class cuts, Vice-president of Academic Affairs

Edwin Young spent countless hours with

department chairpersons reviewing possible

cuts and making tough choices. His care in

deleting the classes which would have the least

impact on the students shows his commitment

to the maintenance of high academic quality at

Vice-president of Administrative Affairs

Mary Ann Breckell has had the unenviable

task of trying to keep support services running

smoothly despite deeper and deeper staff cuts.

It is because of Breckell's careful planning that

the consequences of these cuts have only been

It would have been all too easy for these

people to spend their time using Prop. 13, the

governor, or a host of other reasons as

scapegoats for being unable to continue to

provide students with a quality education. In-

stead, they focused on ways to obviate the ef-

fects of the budgetary nightmares that have

leadership looks past the problems and con-

future decisions.

It's difficult to see how a daily

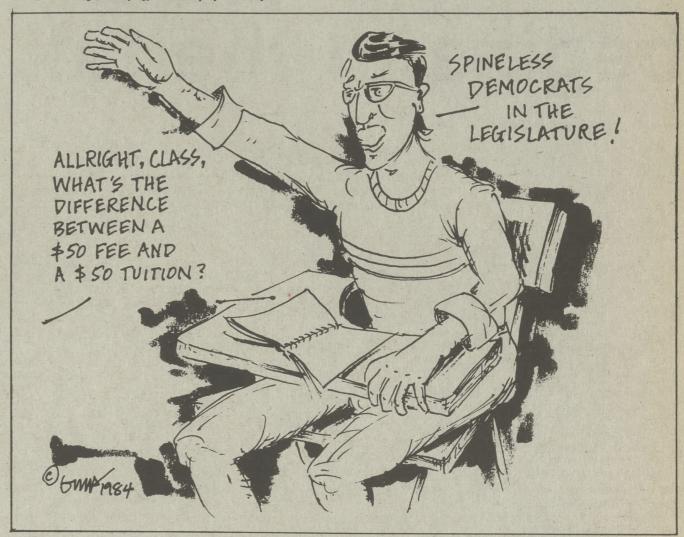
prayer to a higher deity, no mat-

We are indeed fortunate that Valley's

plagued the state's community colleges.

Valley.

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## Letters to the Star

### 'Sanctimonious editorial'

Editor:

Comes now the sanctimonious editorial which responds to and attempts to rationalize the editorial of 5 January.

Is there dissension among the ranks as to the appropriateness of the word by the staff? An "I told you so!" Why else do you now take both a defensive and accusatory position? Twist the material and use it to accuse instead of standing as the accused. Good courtroom tactics maybe, but poor journalistic style

Many a prominent orator has aroused the passion of the masses with a "Silver Tongue" never once to fall upon 'vulgar' words.

How many rational people went crazy during Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast? Did he swear?

How many people truly thought Camelot was upon us when John Kennedy spoke? Did he swear?

You are the 'watchdog,' but you are also a role model. Your high visibility propels you into the limelight whether intentionally or not, and your grammar is quite often emulated by others. Are we to believe whenever an emphasis is to

be made you will use expletives? Only in certain "special" cases? There is an art to persuasion; there is no art to vulgarity.

Futhermore, as an armchair moralist, I too am against tuition, but I find no legitimate basis for "the inherent right to free higher education." While not challenging the need for a college education, college is but an option one chooses, and as such, may be required to contribute financially to its upkeep and the privilege of attendance. If charging tuition creates an "elitist class" then we must assume ALL state and private university

graduates are 'elitists.'

There are many ways to charge tuition and still ensure the opportunity for everyone to participate.

Next time, offer us solu-

Wade Steinfeld

### Administration of Justice Major

'Disgusting and repulsive'

Sir.

Your headline spotlighting your editorial of January 5, 1984 was indeed abominable, disgusting and repulsive.

repulsive.

I personally resent the fact that my grandsons, who attend Valley College, would have to be subjected to such gross and base language. It demonstrates a lack of respect for your readers, and only tends to amplify your apparent ignorance of the English language by using "abominable, disgusting, repulsive" sub-language to make a

particular point, which could have easily been made without the use of a word which has little or no meaning.

For your edification, the dictionary which I used as a reference describes the word as follows: 'Sometimes used in the present participle as a meaningless intensive.' You should also know that is further described as an 'act of copulation.'

The headline itself speaks very little for the educational process within the journalistic curriculum of Valley College, and if it is possible that a fee of \$100 would conceivably keep people like yourself from attending Valley College, it would be more than worth it.

I don't know how many of the editorial staff it took to compose the article, but I would gladly pay for your tuition to another school far removed from California.

The editorial speaksof a wide range of guises emanating from the Governor's mansion and here I'm quoting, "It is not, however, a vulgarity of words but of thoughts, attitudes, and actions." I am curious as to what those specific "vulgar" words of thoughts, attitudes and actions are.

Incidentally, I do agree that obscenity is running rampant in California, and it appears that you may be leading the way. Now, you see, I think I have make my point without resorting to even one word of suggestion of obscenity.

Sincerely in disgust, E.M. Goossen

## 'Testing' freedom

the most equitable solutions.

## Prayer: a new addition to the three R's

centrates on solutions.

minimally felt by students.

By FRANN BART, Copy Editor

unnoticed.

Ronald Reagan has taken it upon himself to add another responsibility to his office—Executive Daddy and spiritual guidance counselor to America's schoolchildren.

In his recent State of the Union message to Congress and the nation, Reagan asked, "...why can't freedom to acknowledge God be enjoyed by children in every schoolroom in the land?"

That's quite a question. And the way it is cleverly worded suggests that children are being denied a right.

But before he charges ahead on his white steed to force-feed the kids, I suggest Mr. Reagan refresh his memory with the first line of the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

The separation of church and state is fundamental to our democracy, and Reagan's stated desire for an amendment permitting prayer in public schools is a nullification of the First Amendment and a dangerous attempt to close that essential gap.

Our President has apparently decided which "freedom" children will "enjoy"— and when and where they will enjoy

Throughout his term of office, Reagan has repeatedly emphasized the importance of family stability and morals, and he again brought it up in the speech.

Religion, however, doesn't necessarily go hand in hand with

family stability and/or morals. Nor does it, by law, have a place in the schoolroom.

In the 1960's, the state of New York lost a court case to parents who challenged that the establishment of a short "bland" invocation to "Almighty God" was, in fact, an establishment of religion. The Supreme Court agreed. End of school prayer.

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To clarify their position on future cases, the Court for-

mulated a test for governmentsupported institutions challenged by the establishment clause.

The purpose must be secular and the advancement of religion must not be the primary effect, said the Court. In addition, the use of school facilities for religious purposes and government funding for these purposes would be an important factor in

ter how diluted, can be construed as secular. And I'd enjoy watching someone try to prove that a classroom is not a school facility. Also, funds to implement and monitor the program would be required from the government.

Kuitnes

What could possibly be behind Reagan's plans but the advancement of religion—even in its most generic form? Where does this leave families who do not condone any sort of worship or prefer that their children be exposed to religion in a different manner?

a different manner?
Although Reagan says the prayer would be voluntary, what would the children of these families do when faced with their teachers or a voice over the loudspeaker invoking a prayer to God each morning? Peer pressure is particularly fierce in the primary grades.

What it comes down to is that the President still sees America as it was in the 1950's—more pliable, conservative, and simple. And in the refusal to look beyond his stubborn illusions, he threatens a basic and personal right of the family unit he deifies—the right to guide their own child's introduction, or non-introduction, to religion.

Maybe it's just an election year ploy aimed toward the Bible belt and moral majority. People will say the darndest things to get (re)elected.

If he really does intend to try to push the amendment through, it still has a long, tough journey through the ratification process before becoming law. In either case, it's the children who are bound to be caught in the crossfire of a confusing, emotional issue.

Ronald Reagan has played many roles in his careers, but playing parent and clergyman to America was never in his con-

### LETTERS

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## Breckell: priorities in place

This is another in a series of profiles featuring some of the people who affect the quality of life at Valley College.

> By KATHLEEN MAHER Assoc. Editorial Editor

For Mary Ann Breckell, Valley's vice president of administration, blending her priorities with those dictated by the stringent administrative budget may have its frustrations, but she betrays none of them.

Classified and student workers are Breckell's first priority. The news of the Governor's release of the \$96.5 million to community colleges for the balance of the school year brought a delighted chuckle when asked what this

would mean for Valley. "No classified layoffs, which I think is good. It's not been easy. The people who got the layoff notices were people we know and like. We've been hoping we could get through without any (layoffs)," Breckell

Last year, while she was still Dean of Administrative Services, the struggle to reduce the budget of which 93 percent went to salaries, was averted by incentives for early retirement. The resulting vacancies were never filled, and the current 1983/84 fiscal year brought even tighter controls with the Governor's refusal to release base funding to the 106 state community colleges.

Threatened layoffs of classified employees, fewer classes, discontinuation of part-time instructors, elimination of most student workers, and a general readjustment in repair and maintenance priorities however, have not deterred Breckell's optimism about Valley's future.

"Personally, the difficult part is we can't plan ahead. We look ahead a little bit, get a job done, and plan to do what we can with what we have. We have to go forward; we have to be somewhat realistic though," Breckell said.

"These are hard times and we have to be optimistic. If you aren't, the college suffers. I hope we've hit bottom and I know that things eventually are going to get better. Then we can get back to fixing it (the college) back up again.'

Not one to shrink from challenge, Breckell brings a dogged determination to overcome obstacles to her position, strengthened by two decades of involve-



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ment in the training and development of women in high school and college sports. Now, after nine years on the administrative side of the desk, Breckell occupies the third top post on campus, responsible for the nuts and bolts administration without which the education process would be impossible.

As coach and women's athletic director at Valley for a decade, Breckell was twice successful in coaching her favorite team sport, basketball, to Southern California championships. (Current Women's Athletic Director, Diedra Stark, was a member of one of these teams.)

Looking back to 1975 and the opportunity that landed her behind a desk, she said it was her "love for mathematics" which convinced her to switch careers, ultimately moving to Dean of Administrative Services and then, last year, to her present position.

Since Breckell's move to administration took place prior to Prop. 13 and the major funding switch from local property taxes to the state, she sees a unique philosophy currently happening.

"A change [in state funding], if it is going to occur in the direction of community colleges, will be in the different philosophies of the state. Now we'll see the guys with the money wanting to have a say in the direction education takes," she said.

Confident that help for all needy students will be forthcoming, she said, "For the people who really want their education, I think both the federal and state governments will put in some other mechanisms

Breckell said, "To me it would be a crime to have a person denied an education because of a fee.'

### NEWS NOTES

ADDS & DROPS. . . Tomorrow is the last day to add a class. The last day to drop a class to avoid the drop fee penalty is Tuesday, Feb. 14.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION

GROUP... Challenges and Changes for the Woman is an open discussion group concerning women who are balancing a career and family life. Discussions will be held weekly in the cafeteria conference room beginning Feb. 16.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY—... Monday, Feb. 13, is Lincoln's birthday and

there will be no school WOMEN'S CAUCUS

MEETING...There will be a Women's Caucus meeting today in CC200-A to open nominations for spring officers. Nominations must be submitted before Feb. 16.

INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVI-SION. . . "The New Literacy: An Introduction to Computers" is

one of five classes being offered through the LACCD's instructional television department. Students may enroll through Feb. 18. further enrollment information can be obtained at CC4.

SCHOLARSHIPS. . . The Patron's Association is accepting applications for their Spring '84 semester scholarships. Applications can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office.

**CONGRESSMAN'S** 

VIEW. . . . Congressman Anthony C. Beilenson, who represents the West Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley areas, will speak to students Wednseday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. CC201 and at 10 a.m. in CC112. All students are welcome **ALLIANCE FOR** 

SURVIVAL... The Valley College Alliance For Survival Chapter meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC200A.

HUMAN RELATIONS

FORUM... 'Human Relations According to Judaism' will be the weekly topic of Hillel's open forum at the cement circle in front of Campus Center every Thursday at 11 A.M.

**GRADUATION PETITIONS** 

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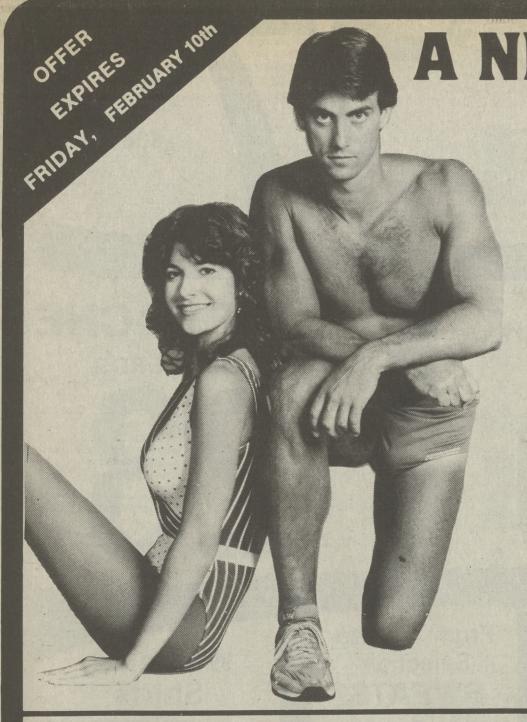
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# Monarchs 'hoop' it

By JEFFREY PAPES, Sports Editor

"A team made up of stars" was how this year's Monarch basketball team was recently described. With virtually every player a former high school star it is no wonder that the Monarchs are currently in first place in the Mountain Valley Conference.

On the court the players mesh as if cloned from the same basketball. Off the court they are as diverse and complicated as pieces to a Chinese jigsaw puzzle.

Stoking the Monarch fire is 6'4" freshman forward Dan Liese. While attending Marshall High, Liese was ranked 178th in the state. He credits

his athletic ability to his father, who won a Gold Medal in the 1936 Olympics playing field hockey for the German National team. Liese plays a fast paced, aggressive game. Team mate Fletcher Curry said, "He doesn't let anyone get in his

Liese sees no future in basketball beyond college. He is hopeful about transferring to Cal State Northridge's engineering program. "I want to become an aerospace engineer," he said.

He hopes to work for Rockwell International as a junior draftsman

this summer. That should be no problem for Liese, who placed third out of 278 entries in the State Fair drafting competition.

"My entry was simple, a drop tank linkage with a double oblique view using descriptive geometry," he

Not all of the Monarchs are that technical. Forward Rob Majerus has been called "the most solid player on the team" by Coach Bobby Castagna. During games he is the Monarch's equivalent to a full scale hurricane, propelling himself around the court faster than a box of gyroscopes. "He makes very few mistakes on the court," said Castagna.

Basketball plays an important, but not solitary, role in 19 year old Majerus' life. During the past year he bought his first car and more recently moved into his own apart-

They are as complicated and diverse as pieces to a Chinese jigsaw puzzle.

"The only problem is having no food," he moaned.

Antiques sparked an interest which led him to begin collecting them two years ago. His prized possession is a leather bucket used by firemen in the early 1900's. That might come in handy someday as Majerus plans on becoming a

"I basically came to Valley because they offer a Fire Science major," he said. He is currently looking for a four-year university that will fill his major requirements. "If I don't find a school, maybe

I'll just use the bucket as a planter," he shrugged. Larry Middleton has been tagged

"the star of the team" by various people. He disagrees with that. "We work together as a unit," he stressed. According to Middleton, the

JEFF ROTH / Valley Sta **Rob Majerus** 

moral support on the team is strong. "If it wasn't for my teammates, I wouldn't be playing as well as I

Middleton leads the team in scoring with an average of 16 points a game. He began playing basketball in fifth grade but from sixth grade on played baseball instead. He resumed playing basketball in 11th grade at Taft High, where he was consistently referred to as a "one man show.'

At the beginning of the season Middleton was known for occasional on-court temperament, but all those involved with the Monarchs say his attitude has changed.

"He has matured greatly through the season," said Castagna.

Another player said, "He came from a school where he carried the team. It's a change to share the

spotlight." Middleton and the other players agree that with so many talented people on the team there are bound to be egos involved.

"But those egos drop when we get on the court—they have to." Middleton said,"We just want to win."

Middleton is vague about his future but is interested in Business Administration. He is unsure of where he will transfer and has an offer to play basketball for Fresno

"Bobby not only expects respect us, from returns it completely."

"He should be able to pick his school with his playing," Castagna

Majerus, Middleton, and Liese attribute a large amount of the Monarchs' success to Castagna's

"Bobby not only expects respect from us, he returns it completely," said Liese. Middleton feels Castagna keeps team spirits high.

The team also agrees that large crowd turnouts boost team morale.

"It's so satisfying when there's a crowd out there to appreciate the wins," said Liese. Despite the fact that all home games are free, there has still been a low turnout and lack of interest in the games.

The Monarchs have also noticed a disregard towards the games from other atheletic teams.

"It wasn't until recently that people from other teams began showing

up. Lately some baseball players have been coming," said Liese.

Low turnouts and lack of interest will not disillusion the Monarchs. Even with bare stands, team support and scorching determination alone is enough to carry them through the rest of their season.

Majerus summed it up when he said, "This team is special."

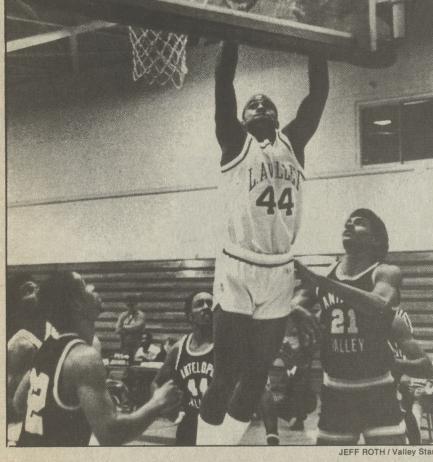


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## Valley swimmers pool their talents as spring season opens By DIANE HARBOUR, Assoc. Sports Editor and JEFFREY PAPES, Sports Editor

Frappia, who won the Metropolitan

"I am really looking forward to the upcoming season," said Head Swim Coach Bill Krauss.

The season does not officially begin until Feb. 17, but the team is already training diligently. In preparation for competition, a

daily two-hour workout is required for team members. Exercises with kick boards and pull buoys strengthen muscles and increase speed. An average workout consists of swimming 7,000 yards, which equals 280 laps per practice.

"There's a lot of determination and dedication involved," said returning sophomore Billy Lees.

A former All-American, Lees, 19, set two school records—one in the 100-yard backstroke and the other in the 200-yard backstroke. He is hopeful about competing in the 1988 Olympics.

Lees, along with fellow swimmers Niall Skehan, Bob "Beaver" Frappia, and Finn McClafferty are expected to lead the men's team this

Skehan will compete in the butterfly and freestyle competition.

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in the distance freestyle category. The unity and high morale of the swim team is a reflection of the respect they have for Head Coach Bill Krauss.

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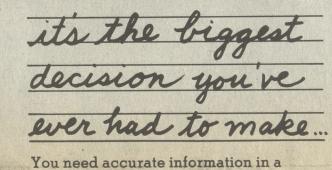
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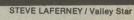
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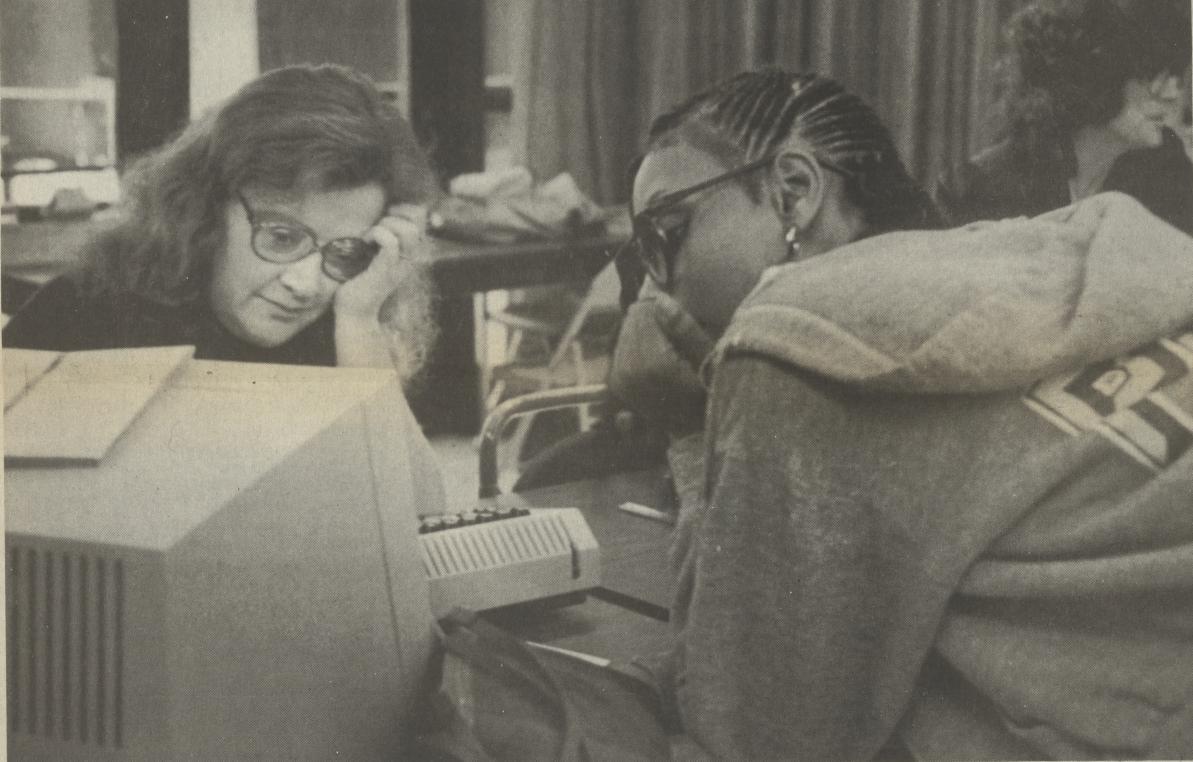


# Longest week of the year



Actors rehearsed their scripts aloud before auditioning for this semester's new play.





Trudy Dockus, student worker, and Debbie Griffin wait patiently for the computer to work properly during registration.

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Even though it was crowded as usual, the bookstore managed to take care of everyone.



Students lined the walls of classrooms hoping to add another needed class.

## Forming the facts on financial aid

By LISA SHAMES, View Editor

iling for financial aid is a lot like filing your income taxes. Both require a lot of information, both have complicated forms to fill out, and the earlier you fill them both out and send them, the faster you will receive your money. That is, both cases, if you qualify.

For many students, just looking at the four-page, pink and gray financial aid application with its 69 questions, and endless boxes and bubbles to fill out, is enough to make them give up. But for others, financial aid is vital to their educa-

By next September, with the implementation of tuition, financial aid most likely will be a necessity for many more students. And if the unthinkable but most likely happens—tuition will increase as it has at other educational institutions. Financial aid will probably become

a very close friend to many a student, and students will have to start taking the time to fill out the aid application.

According to Gaston Green, head of financial aid at LAVC, "Eighty student that is the primary factor. to 90 percent of students enrolled in six units or more [minimum required for financial aid] are eligible for some kind of financial aid. Be it

just loans. All students should be interested in financial aid," Green

There are basically three types of financial aid: 1) grants and scholarships, 2) loans, and 3) college work

study. Within these three major categories there are many sub divisions and sub sub-divisions. This is where many students get lost.

The common denominator in all three types is the question of need. While some academic and educational criteria are necessary for eligibility, it is the neediness of a



And that is the reason for the form's numerous questions of student and family income.

In the grant category, such finangrants, loans, and work study or cial programs as the Pell Grant, Extended Opportunity Program and in the preceding or current calen-Services, Cal Grants A, B, and C, are included. The main difference between grants and loans is that grants don't have to be paid back. There are varying factors, determined by the information on the aid application, which specify the type of aid a student qualifies for.

In the loan category, the National Direct Student Loan (NDSL) and the California Guaranteed Student Loan (CGSL) are the most com-

While this type of aid must be paid back, the interest rates are low compared to the standard rates. For example, the NDSL is a 5 percent simple interest loan. The limit for this loan is \$3,000 over a period of about two and a half years. It is the policy of LAVC to normally limit this amount to \$1,000 per year.

The work study program differs from the previous mentioned programs. "It is really an educational program," said Green. "We call it a 'self-help' program. It gives the student a chance to work in an area they're interested in and help pay for their education." This "helping to pay for one's education,' according to Green, is the philosophy behind the student assistance programs.

The main idea or philosophy behind the grant programs is that "some students because of educational disadvantages, may not be able to work or be able to take care of a loan initially," said Green. The question of a student's need is vital throughout the financial aid pro-

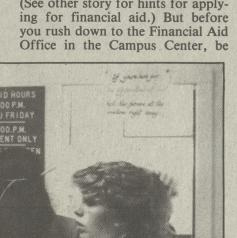
But with all financial aid, "Everyone is expected to contribute something to their education," he

Along with need, there are other factors in determining if a student is eligible for financial aid, and, if they are, what type(s).

One area that can cause confusion is the difference between a "dependent" and "independent" student. An independent student is one who was not claimed as a tax exemption by his parents, did not receive more than \$750 from one or both parents dar year, and who will not have lived with either parent during the preceding year for more than six

In most cases the need of an in-

'small novel' determines whether or not you are eligible for financial aid. (See other story for hints for apply-



THE FIRST STEP-Students wait in line at the financial aid office located in the street level of the Campus Center.

dependent student is greater than that of a dependent student. So establishing this status is important. But like most rules, this one does have its exceptions and variations. Factors such as non-residency, tui-

tion, additional family members, additional fees (as for a nursing student or art student), and transportation costs play a role. These factors all have an effect on the aid and amount of aid a student will receive.

Another factor is establishing the amount of aid is the cost of attend-

ing that institution. "A student can never receive more than what it

costs to go to that particular institution," Green said.

The first step for anyone interested in financial aid is to file the Student Aid Application for California (SAAC). This form or program only is Feb. 9. But the aid office takes applications for the other financial aid programs year Once you fill out the form com-

pletely and correctly, you mail it in with a minimum of \$6.50 to the College Scholarship Service in Berkeley. Now the waiting begins.

According to Green, it takes about two weeks for the form to be returned to Valley's financial aid office. From there it takes a minimum of four weeks for it to be processed.

After this process, and after it is determined that you are eligible for financial aid, it doesn't stop.

There are certain requirements the student must maintain in order to keep the aid. Along with maintaining at least a "C" (2.0) grade point average, the student must "make satisfactory academic progress' and 'have to make some ed-objective progress' said Green. These terms deal with a student's particular set of educational goals which are determined prior to receiving financial aid.

Even at this point, financial aid may be still be a foreign word to many. But one factor cannot be ignored in determining whether or not you want to include this word in your future vocabulary. "There will be tuition," said Green. "The stuwarned that the deadline for new ap- dent has to consider that he has to plying students for the Cal Grant pay. He's gonna have to come here

with the money."

## The how-to's on financial aid

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By LISA SHAMES, View Editor

comes instantly," said LAVC's Financial Aid Director Gaston Green. "The students should put away 25 percent of what their budget is to relieve them of the pressure of the first month and a half of school."

costs money and the student must any questions. prepare," he said.

Green urges students to start apply- aid process.

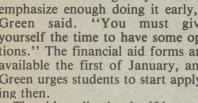
jor obstacle for many students. tion required of the students. Green tion.

"The number one problem for feels many problems arise when most students [applying for finan- students wait until the last minute to cial aid] is that they think the aid file the form. "They have problems with what appears to be a complex process, but they wait well into the semester when the pressure is on,"

While Green admits there is a lot of information and complex ques-Green feels many students don't tions on the form, he feels if prepare for the fact that even if you students apply early, they will have do qualify for financial aid, you the time to read the accompanying probably will not receive it the first manual and can bring the form to day of school. "Going to college the Financial Aid Office if there are

This semester it may be par-Another very important factor in ticularly important for students to financial aid is filing early. "I can't have filed early. Green cites tuition; emphasize enough doing it early," the change in start date of next Green said. "You must give semester (August 20); and the Olymyourself the time to have some op- pics, with the increase of people in tions." The financial aid forms are Los Angeles, as possible factors that available the first of January, and could cause delays in the financial

All in all, Green said, "It's well The aid application itself is a ma-worth the \$6.50 [the application fee] to you to give yourself some op-There is a lot of detailed informa- tions, to prepare for your educa-



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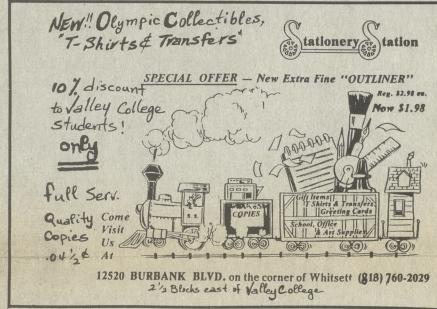
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CROWNING TOUCH-Robert Weaver, editor of Valley's last issue of Crown

## Districts charging different drop fees; legality questioned

The initiation of district-wide drop fees last fall has reduced schedule changes, according to administrators, but questions have been raised concerning collection of drop fee deposits by other community college districts.

John Barnhart, Valley assistant dean of admissions and records, said that prior to the drop fee policy, "transactions dragged on for three or four weeks. The fee cleared it up." He also said the fees had the effect of forcing students to plan their schedules more carefully.

According to Norm Schneider, director of communications for the L.A. Community College District (LACCD), a total of \$293,399 in drop fees were collected last semester. Collection at Valley alone totalled \$55,675. The fees, explained Schneider, go into the district's general fund.

Although 57,000 students still owed outstanding drop fees at the end of the fall semester, no money was lost since collecting the fees required no extra personnel or expenses, according to Benson Cheng, fiscal administrator for Valley and Mission Colleges.

In other districts, however, the procedure is different, according to Bill Collins, legislative coordinator for the State Chancellor's office in Sacramento.

Pasadena City College and Santa Monica College are imposing withdrawal fee deposits which "our lawyers think are illegal," Collins said.

However, Tom Donner, assistant superintendent of business at Pasadena City College, said the

deposit fees have "been used for years at community colleges."

The L.A. County Counsel, continued Donner, could rule on the legality of withdrawal fee deposits, but they have not received a request for judgment.

Both schools currently collect a withdrawal fee deposit at registration and then deduct a fee from the deposit if a class is dropped. If no classes are dropped, the entire deposit is refunded at the end of the semester.

The drop fee bill, which was passed last August, mandates all California community colleges to collect drop fees, but does not prescribe a specific means of collection, he said.

### Olympics... (Continued from page 1)

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Those who are the most flexible with their time, however, can expect to get the more interesting jobs, said

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### luition...

any kind of fees for students. We are not giving up on open access to education. I think it was a terrible step backward by the state, and we will continue to fight it."

He said that the fight will continue when the issue comes up again in three years, and that tuition legislation might then be defeated if the harmful effects of tuition on the schools becomes known.

Valley President Mary Lee said, "I would have preferred to see the no tuition policy continue." Noting the decline in enrollment here, she said, "Even the threat of tuition has had an adverse effect on enrollment."

Lee said that, even with the release of the base funding for the community colleges, "we are still only back to where we were in 1982/83, and far behind the other colleges. The Cal State colleges have had a 21 percent increase, and the U.C. system has had a 30 percent increase.'

(continued from page 1)

At the Democratic midplatform convention last weekend in Oakland, State Sen. Art Torres (D-Los Angeles) told the Star that the community college funding bill is "no compromise. We got tuition.'

Also at the convention, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown(D-San Francisco), when asked by the Star if the community college funding bill in any way is a compromise, replied, "Yes, to those who voted for it. I

## Crown magazine expires after 32 years as veteran adviser retires

By DAVID BOHRER, News Editor

After 32 years in existence, Valley College's magazine Crown will cease publication indefinitely after the Fall '83 edition comes out tomorrow, according to Editor Robert Weaver.

Crown had to stop publication because of the recent retirement of the magazine adviser of 23 years, Prof. Eddie Irwin.

Another problem, said Weaver, is that since the magazine is funded vearly by the Associated Student Body (ASB), it has been repeatedly pushed by ASB to change from a magazine format, which it has been for over 22 years, to that of a yearbook type of publication.

"I think it's really unfortunate," said Weaver, "because there is not a terribly great market for yearbook makers out in the real world."

ment, both Irwin and Weaver expressed a strong opposition to the yearbook format of a future Crown. "Then, if students want to go out and work on a magazine," said Weaver," they are going to be in a whole different world.'

In past semesters, students who took article writing classes here were given the chance to have their work published in Crown. "Now," said Weaver, "they haven't a publication to write their articles for, except in the professional market. At least with Crown they had a proving ground, and if somebody wanted to see a sample of their work, they would have it."

Weaver cited other reasons for the downfall of the magazine, "There was not only no one able to take over as adviser, but also there In accordance with this state- was nobody else fighting for the

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With a fall semester regular staff of seven students, Crown, if continued, could have faced cancellation if a regular staff of 15 was not obtained, according to Irwin.

"I'm sorry to see the magazine die," Irwin said, "but even if I had been continuing here, I'm not sure I would have wanted to struggle along

with five or six people. If that would be the case, then it probably shouldn't survive."

Whether Crown will be restored in the future, and whether the format of the magazine will be changed if it does come back have yet to decided. Weaver said, "I would probably say it would come back in the fall, but I don't think it's going to be the same."

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Sponsored by the Valley Collegiate Players, an honorary acting club on campus, 'Barefoot,' thus deemed as "The VCP Show," is entirely student-run and organized.

Director Theresa Pegues, who also directed the one-act play "Next" two semesters ago, was chosen by the members of the club to direct 'Barefoot.'

Pegues, who is primarily an actress rather than a director, has performed in such Valley productions as "Love Labor's Lost" and "Love Nest for Three," and said that 'Barefoot' is "a terrific learning experience."

The cast, which is made up of VCP members, includes Antoinette Spolar as Corie Bratter; David Coennen as Paul Bratter; Gina Khorigian as Mrs. Banks; Rudy Dale Wright as Victor Velasco; Tracey Woolley as the telephone repair person; and a cameo by 53year-old Monarch football kicker, Brodie, as the delivery man.

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